

MINUTES

HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY COMMISSION

May 12, 2010

1. Call to Order

Chairman David Hendrickson convened a work session of the Higher Education Policy Commission at 4:00 PM in the 9th Floor Conference Room at 1018 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia and by conference call. The following Commission members were present: Kathy Eddy, Kay Goodwin, David Hendrickson, John Leon, and Steve Paine. Absent: Bruce Berry, Bob Brown, John Estep, and David Tyson.

2. Approval of Tuition and Fees for 2010-11 Academic Year

Dr. Brian Noland, Chancellor, stated that much of the information contained in the agenda notebook was presented and discussed in detail at the April 23, 2010 meeting. However, the Commission was unable to vote at that meeting given that several institutions had not submitted their formal requests.

At Chancellor Noland's request, Mr. Richard Donovan, Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview of the institutional tuition and fee requests for the 2010-11 academic year. Mr. Donovan stated that the institutions have complied with Governor Manchin's request and were not requesting increased tuition and fee rates for in-state undergraduate students. Mr. Donovan noted that both Marshall University and West Virginia University have approved and implemented technical increases linked to changes in bond covenants and the increased cost to provide certain student services.

Chairman Hendrickson inquired about the impact of limited tuition and fees increases on the ability of institutions to make strategic investments in faculty and staff salaries. Chancellor Noland responded that the state's higher education system is working to maintain and protect affordability for students, but a significant gap remains for faculty and staff salaries when compared regionally and nationally, and one of the negative consequences of this action is that institutions will be limited in their ability to respond to market salary pressures on a broad basis.

Ms. Eddy moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves tuition and fees for the 2010-11 academic year.

Dr. Leon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

In closing, Chairman Hendrickson thanked the institutions for following the Governor's directive and working to maintain and protect the affordability of higher education for all West Virginians.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

David K. Hendrickson

Chairman

Kathy Eddy

Secretary